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National Public Lands Day
A National Environmental Education Foundation Program

Canyon Lake Project Area Information Packet

Dear Volunteer(s),

National Public Lands Day is a time each year when thousands of volunteers from across the nation come together to give of their time in support of our natural national treasures. Canyon Lake is hosting such an event and is inviting everyone to come and participate. The event is open to youth, adult, senior, families, friends, scouts, work associates, church groups, clubs and anyone wishing to make a difference with our national parks.

This packet contains most of the information about the National Public Lands Day event at Canyon Lake hosted by the US Army Corps of Engineers at Canyon Lake.

This year we are focusing on two major projects: trail development/maintenance and upgrading the amphitheater on the Guadalupe Trail. We will teach water quality testing after the event. If you choose to volunteer, we will have various jobs with in each project that will suit several age ranges and physical abilities. All are welcome to participate.

Tentative Schedule

Date: 20th September 2014

Times can be changed as needed. See map for location of sign in.

7 am to 8 am — Check in and pick up assignments.

8 am to 1 pm — Work on projects

1 pm to 2 pm — Lunch Break

2 pm to ? — Free time for hiking, swimming, biking and camping out!



What to Wear

All clothes must be protective! Anyone that does not come properly dressed will be required to set out, asked to change or sent home. No exceptions! Call if you have a concern or question. Dress in light colored clothes so you do not over heat. Don't wear it if you don't want it torn or damaged. The following are REQUIRED.

- Socks
- Closed toed shoes
- Knee length shorts or pants
- Button up or T-shirts
- Sun hat or ball cap
- Gloves (leather or cloth)



The following are NOT allowed as well as any clothing that would leave you unprotected, bare skinned, get easily snagged/caught or cause over heating in the sun.

- Short shorts
- Flip flops
- Sandals
- Open toed shoes
- Clogs (Crocs)
- Heels
- Swim suits#
- Tank tops
- Spaghetti straps
- Shirts w/open midriffs
- Hoodies
- Loose Jewelry
- Loose and baggy pants

#Swim suits may be worn after the project or under your work clothes. They can not be your work clothes.

Illustrated examples of what you should wear for working and you should not wear.

Good Examples



Bad Examples



Items You Are Required To Bring

- Water Bottle
- Lunch and Drink
- Gloves (leather/cloth)
- Tools as requested for your project
- Emergency contact and instructions
- Medications You Need

Items You Should Bring

- Sun block
- Sunglasses
- Camera
- Towel
- Water shoes
- Personal hygiene Items
- Hand wipes
- Personal snacks
- Anything else you wish to have while out at the lake



Bring a **Camera!** Take home pictures

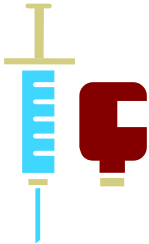


not nature.



It is **illegal** to remove natural resources from federal lands. Please leave what you find behind and only take pictures home with you. We want others to enjoy the resource also.

Health and Medications!



If you have any medical condition(s), bring the following.



- Information about your health condition
- Emergency and Family contacts
- Medical contact
- Prescription medications, syringes, needles, etc.
- Sharps container if you use needles

If you need medication stored in a refrigerator, come with an ice cooler. We have limited fridge space, but we do have an ice machine. Let us know immediately when you arrive if you have medical needs. Bring your own sharps container if you use needles for taking your medication. Do NOT throw needles in the woods, toilets or a trash receptacle.



If someone has a medical need or emergency during the activities, find a project coordinator or park ranger immediately. Alert them first so they can help you. They will request the EMTs and call 911 if needed.



It will be hot. Bring a canteen or water bottle with you. We will have volunteers checking on the groups and providing water refills during the projects.



Do not drink these items while working in the heat: energy drinks, coffee, soda or other sugary drinks. They will cause you to dehydrate faster.



Bring lots of sunscreen! The sun is brutal on skin when it reflects off of the white limestone. Put it on before you start your project and often during the project. Some sun blocks will wash off from your own sweat so reapply often as needed. Try to use a high SPF rated sun block of 30-80.

Recreational Activities

At the lake you are allowed to camp, boat, ski, canoe, swim, scuba dive, horse back riding, fish, hike, run, jog, skip, suntan, picnic, etc. These activities are to be done before and after, but NOT during the volunteer time. There are many merchants that can rent you boats, jet skies, canoes, tubes and other water recreational items.

Contact the **Canyon Lake Chamber of Commerce** for a list of renters:

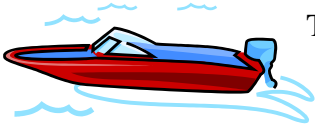
(830) 964-2223 or Toll Free (800) 528-2104

CAMPING: See map for park location you can camp around the lake.

All camping fees are waived for volunteers for the weekend only. You must tell us ahead of time if you want to camp and for which nights. You are allowed Friday and Saturday night. You can stay for one or both nights. This is tent camping, not RV camping. Space is limited so tell us soon.



BOATING/CANOEING/SKIING: See map for open boat ramps.

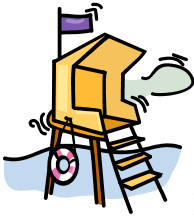


There are many boat ramps around the lake. Some will be closed due to low lake levels. If you intend to boat after the event, we expect you to obey all boating rules and laws.

FISHING: Fishing on federal property requires a state fishing license. You are welcome to fish any part of the lake or shore.



SWIMMING: Please see map for swim areas.



There are NO life guards on duty. If you can not swim, do not get in the water unless you are wearing a life jacket. Please have all young children in a life jacket.

In Comal Park we have a few loaner life jackets we can borrow while visiting that park. You are responsible for returning the life jacket at the end of the day.



Arm floaties can pop or leak, and they advise you do not use floaties. Please you choose to use floaties on your



do not prevent drowning. We watch your children carefully if child.



SCUBA DIVING: You are welcome to dive anywhere on the lake as long as you are trained or have an instructor with you and know the rules of diving.

HIKING/BIKING: Please see map for trail locations.

The Madrone trail in Canyon Park is available for hiking and mountain biking enthusiasts. The trail is not for beginner bikers. It is ruff and rocky. Hikers of all ages are welcome on the trail. It is approximately 8 miles long and it weaves through out the entire park. Feel free to hike all or part of the trail. There are some shorter more level trails around the lake marked on the map also.



You are welcome to bike in the parks as long as you yield to vehicle traffic. Please wear safety gear at all times.

HORSE BACK RIDING: Please see map for trail location.

Hancock Trail starts to the west of Canyon Park and winds along the shore for a couple of miles before stopping within the park near group shelter 1.



Please contact the Chamber of Commerce for local businesses that provide equestrian riding day trips.

Rules!

Yes, we have a few basic rules to keep you safe and out of trouble. BUT these are not the only rules so ask if you are not sure about what you can do while at the lake.

1. Do not bring anything that even remotely resembles a gun or bow. No air soft or anything that can shoot a projectile. They are illegal on federal property.
2. For those that are choosing to camp over the weekend, camp fires in designated fire rings will be allowed as long as there is no burn ban due to drought.
3. While volunteering, stay with in site of your project coordinator, leader or guardian at all times. Your safety is our concern. Do not wonder off.
4. Stay in groups of three or more, never less. If you go to the rest room, go in groups of at least 3. There is safety in numbers.
5. Do NOT attempt to feed or pet the wild life. The deer will be entering rutting season soon and may be aggressive or protective of their family.
6. Do not take animals, fossils, rocks or plants home with you. They are protected natural resources and it is illegal to remove them from federal property. Take pictures home not nature.
7. Report all accidents immediately to a volunteer project coordinator or park ranger.
8. All regulations in Title 36 are still valid and will be enforced. Citations will be issued to those that choose to break the law.

PETS

Your pets are welcome at the parks. They are your responsibility.

They must be on a 6 foot or shorter leash at all times. All pets need to have tags incase they get free or lost by accident. You need to pick up after them. They poop, you scoop.



Your pet needs water and food as much as you do. Do not forget to bring their watering and food dishes.

Do not leave your pet in the sun all day. They can over heat just like you.



If you have an aggressive pet or a pet trained to defend or attack they are NOT welcome. The safety of all guests is our top priority.

Rain Day



IF it is raining, we will still have the event. Bring a rain coat if needed.



If it is severe enough to cancel, the make up date is the following weekend of the 27th September 2014. We will notify the point of contact the day before if we feel the event is to be rescheduled.

LUNCH

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YOU are required to provide your own lunch. There are many vendors near the park where you can purchase a meal. You are welcome to brown bag your lunch.

Contact(s)

If you have any questions feel free to contact the coordinator or the event at the email below. We will also be posting an FAQ on the lake website as we get closer to the actual event date. Feel free to check there for answers to your questions. You can currently download some maps of the lake and parks from the website.

Contact: Park Ranger Samuel Price
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Lake Website: <http://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/canyon/>

Once again, thank you for volunteering for the local Canyon Lake National Public Lands Day event. We look forward to your participation and contribution. Please come ready to work and have fun.

We look forward to seeing you here at Canyon Lake.

Sincerely,

Samuell Price

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